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Sexual Health and Responsibility Program (SHARP)



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## **SHARP Vision, Mission, Goal, and Strategy**

for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and unplanned pregnancies among active duty Sailors and Marines

**Vision.** A Department of Navy (DoN) cultural norm in which sexual responsibility and safety is encouraged, support and expected, and a population in which all pregnancies are planned, syphilis is eliminated, and other sexually transmitted infections (STI), including HIV, are prevented.

**Mission.** Provide DoN members and families with health information, education and behavior change programs for the prevention of STIs, including HIV, and unplanned pregnancy.

**Goals.** Reduce the occurrence of STIs, including HIV, and unplanned pregnancy among DoN members and families to levels specified in selected Healthy People 2010 objectives.

### **Strategy**

**Population Awareness/Education.** Advocate and support all-hands education and sexual risk reduction through the development, distribution and on-line access of ready-to-use educational materials for educators and for individuals, in partnership with stakeholders in the education/training, health, morale/recreation, faith, and personnel management communities.

**"High-Risk" member counseling, testing and referral.** Support appropriate prevention counseling by Naval medical professionals for members with demonstrated risk including those infected with an STI, including HIV, and their sexual partners, and other beneficiaries with self-reported or medically assessed risk behavior.

**Leadership Awareness.** Advocate helpful organizational norms which encourage, support and expect responsible sexual behavior through the development and distribution of ready-to-use leadership information.

**Educator training.** Offer self-study training to increase the confidence, competence and effectiveness of educators/speakers. Offer continuous consultative support.

**Medical training.** Train and train-trainers of key health care providers in (a) patient sexual risk assessment, (b) patient behavior risk reduction counseling, and (c) sexual partner counseling and referral. Offer continuous consultative support.

**Policy Advocacy.** Advocate for sound sexual health policies in the medical and personnel realms including awareness building/education, leadership roles, condom and contraception access, testing policies, medical treatment and patient privacy.

**Research Advocacy.** Provide a research agenda to Naval and DoD research partners to support the development of culturally competent, evidence-based interventions for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies.

**Condom Access.** Promote targeted condom access for Sailors and Marines in Navy and Marine Corps settings.

**Surveillance.** Monitor and report STI / HIV / UIP data.